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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's October 4, 2004 Office Action finally rejecting claims 1-20 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$500.00 for filing this Notice of Appeal is enclosed as required by 37 CFR § 1.17(b).

Applicants file herewith a petition for a three (3) month extension of time for extending the time for responding to the Office Action. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before April 4, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 26597-562CIPCON).

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